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**Commissioner for Patents****Response to Amendment**

1. The reply filed on 12/15/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): To overcome the art, claims were amended from "method for dispersing at least one coloring agent" to "method for increasing the intensity of the color" in claims 1 and 195. Original claim 96 is drawn to "a method for providing at least one property chosen from gloss and intense color". None of the original claims recited, "increasing" the intensity of the color. Amended claims are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the originally claimed since "method for dispersing the color or providing intense color" is different from "increasing the intensity of the color" as presented. Applicants has received action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JYOTHSNA A. VENKAT Ph. D whose telephone number is 571-272-0607. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30-7:30:1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THURMAN K. PAGE can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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